

City Connection

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We Have a New Name!

For many years, City residents and employees have known the wastewater plant by a variety of names. We have heard everything from Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) to Wastewater Collection and Treatment System (WCTS) and even "Stinky Point." With the evolution of the wastewater industry and in recognition of our recent designation as a Utility of the Future, we wanted a name that was more all-encompassing of what we really do every day. In February 2017, the Fond du Lac Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility was officially renamed the Fond du Lac Regional Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery Facility (WTRRF).

Many are not familiar with the fact that we are a regional facility treating the wastewater of not only the residents of the City of Fond du Lac but also 18 outlying communities surrounding Fond du Lac as well as industrial and commercial contributors. The idea of what wastewater treatment is has changed and the products we produce every day, clean water, biosolids, and biogas are no longer looked at as waste. They are resources we recover that are reclaimed and used for the benefit of the environment. We have become focused on more efficient operations and pride ourselves for our efforts in water reuse, watershed stewardship, beneficial biosolids reuse,

and energy efficiency, generation, & recovery. We consistently surpass our regulatory requirements and feel strongly that we are providing a sustainable, efficient, and value-added service to our community.

As a Utility of the Future, WTRRF was among sixty-one public and private utilities from across the U.S., Canada, and Denmark recognized in 2016. The designation shows the facility's progression towards resource recovery and now we have a name to better match our forward-thinking efforts towards sustainability.

Our Mission

Fond du Lac City Government's mission is to provide excellent local government through responsiveness and accountability to the citizens of Fond du Lac.

Our values: Excellence in Service, Honesty, Integrity, and Personal Accountability guide everything we do.



Welcome to the City Team



Emily Buch—Lab Analyst

I graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee, WI with a B.S. in Biology emphasizing in Natural Resources.

After graduation I worked for CHR Hansen in one of their Microbiology, Quality Control Labs. I commuted from the Fond du Lac area to Milwaukee for a couple of years while working for CHR Hansen prior to my new role in the Wastewater Lab. I enjoy running with my husband, biking, fishing, and vacationing in Florida.



Cody Birschbach—Electrician

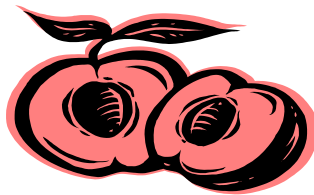
I have 9 years' experience working for a local contractor, where I received my Master Electricians license.

I've been married to my wife,

Ali, for 4 years, and have a 2 year old daughter, Daisy. We live west of Fond du Lac and hope to start building a new home soon. In my free time I like to spend time with my family, and I volunteer with the Lamartine Volunteer Fire Dept.

Craig Wiese—Water Distribution Serviceman

I am 33 years old, married, and have 3 boys—ages 1, 3, and 7. I graduated from Horace Mann High School in 2002. I went to college at UW-FDL, UW-Stevens Point, and Fox Valley Tech. Prior to coming to the City of FDL, I worked for Dean Enterprises. My favorite sport is football. I enjoy spending time with my family and getting my boys outdoors. I enjoy hunting and fishing. I hunt pretty much everything; however, my favorite is bow hunting, and duck hunting is a close second.



National Employee Health and Fitness Day Employer Challenge

The City of Fond du Lac employees will again be participating in the NEHFD Employer Challenge for one week (May 15-19). We are competing against National Exchange Bank & Trust and the Fond du Lac Area School District for highest participation percentage as well as for most points per participant. An informational sheet, participant sheet, tracking sheet and the program rules were emailed out on May 9. You can also sign up and track your minutes on Know & Go, similar to what we have done with other exercise challenges. If you track online, Mary Leeb will still need a tracking sheet for the extra points or an email with the number of extra points earned. On the tracking sheet, you can just make tic marks and we will tally them, if that is easier for you.

If you would like to try out some of the participating fitness centers, please contact a Wellness team member for the trial gym membership sheet: Mary Leeb, Kathryn Duveneck, Tina Braun, Sarah Harbridge, Arlene Mand, John Redmond, Tony Steffen, Erick Gerritson, or Jennifer Chitwood.

Remember this Challenge is for ALL City employees. Encourage your co-workers to participate. It's only five days!

If you have any questions, just email Mary Leeb (leeb@fdlpl.org) or ask any of the Wellness team members.



FDL Fire/Rescue Annual Awards

Fond du Lac, WI: Each year, Fond du Lac Fire/Rescue awards members of the agency for their exceptional effort, commitment, and outstanding service to the department and community. This year FDL Fire/Rescue presented Firefighter of the Year, Unit Citation/Commendation Awards, an Esprit de Corps Award, and multiple Awards of Merit. FDL Fire /Rescue appreciates these members' bravery and courage, exceptional service, and achievement to the agency.

Firefighter of the Year: This award was presented to a member who has best exemplified the standards of excellence and service to the community subscribed to by FDL Fire/Rescue. This individual is a team player who supports others' efforts to achieve the goals of the agency, supports the agency by embracing its policy and procedures, and by engaging only in constructive criticism that will lead to improvements in the service.

For his commitment and exemplary performance in carrying out his assigned duties, FDL Fire/Rescue presented **Engineer Rick Gerritson** the 2016 Firefighter of the Year Award.

The Unit Citation/Commendation: This award was presented to a group of FDL Fire/Rescue members who made up a company, which performed in an outstanding manner for service to the community. On Sunday June 12th 2016, during Walleye Weekend, Fond du Lac Fire/Rescue units responded to a boater in Lake Winnebago with a badly injured leg. The crew was transported by Fond du Lac County Sheriff's boat approximately a half mile offshore. Upon arrival, they found an individual who had a severe arterial wound and was experiencing significant blood loss while still partially in the water. The crew recognized the life threatening injury and immediately placed a tourniquet and corrected the blood loss. Due to the injuries the patient had sustained combined with the blood loss, the crew knew the best destination was a trauma center and requested Flight for Life to respond to the scene. Upon return to the boat launch, the patient was moved to the landing zone and patient care transferred to Flight for Life and subsequent transport to Theda Clark trauma center. For their life saving efforts to this patient, FDL Fire/Rescue presented **Paramedic/Firefighter Brian Westby** and **Sean White** a Unit Citation.

The Unit Citation/Commendation: This award was presented to a group of FDL Fire/Rescue members who made up a company, which performed in an outstanding manner for service to the community. On Wednesday, June 22nd 2016, FDL Fire/Rescue units responded to Hwy 41 for a rollover motor vehicle crash with multiple injuries. FDL Fire/Rescue units arrived on scene to find 6 patients including two fatalities. All fire/rescue units worked on patient assessment, treatment, and transport. One patient was transported to Theda Clark by Flight for Life, and two patients were transported by ground to St. Agnes Hospital. This call turned out to be an unfortunate tragedy with a family losing two of its three members. While there was nothing the crews could do to change that, they demon-

Wisconsin Retirement System Annual Statement of Benefits

Have you reviewed your Wisconsin Retirement System Annual Statement of Benefits? The statement is a summary of your year-end retirement account information that will eventually be used in benefit calculations. Keep your statement with your important paperwork — you receive this document only once a year and it contains a lot of great information about your benefits!

[Top 5 things to do with your WRS Annual Statement of Benefits:](#)

1) Check your 2016 earnings and years of creditable service for accuracy. Contact

your employer if you have concerns about reporting errors. Contact ETF for other questions.

2) Check Section 3, your employee required contributions.

Note how much you contributed and how much your account balances changed with the effective rate of interest. This rate changes from year to year, depending on investment returns. Here is more information about trust fund investment returns and how they have impacted effective rates and annuity adjustments since 1986.

Did you know your employee required contributions balance is matched by your employer? Contributions paid by you and your employer (plus applicable effective rate interest) constitute your Money Purchase Balance. (See Section 9)

When you retire, ETF calculates your benefit estimate using both the formula calculation and the money purchase calculation. Your retirement benefit will be the higher of these two calculations. (See Section 10)

3) Check Section 4, additional contributions. Did you know you can add money

Get Your Eyes Checked!

May is Health Vision Month

By Lisa Fahney, CHES

For most of us it is easy to remember to schedule our annual physical exam and dental exams every six months, but many times our eye health may not be on the top of our priority list. More than 23 million Americans age 18 and older have never had an eye exam mainly because they don't feel as if they have a problem with their vision. However, most eye diseases do not have any symptoms, and the only way to ensure your vision is satisfactory is to have a vision exam.

Healthy Vision Month is held every May, and during this month the National Eye Institute encourages all Americans to make their eye health a priority. Below are some steps you can do to keep your vision at its best.

1) Get a comprehensive dilated eye exam. During the exam drops are placed in your eyes to dilate, or widen, the pupil. Your eye care professional uses a special magnifying lens to examine your retina and look for signs of damage and other eye problems. After the examination, your close-up vision may remain blurred, but this subsides after a few hours.

2) Live a healthy lifestyle, including eating healthy foods, maintaining a healthy weight, managing chronic conditions, and not smoking.

3) Know your family history. It is important to know if anyone in your family has



been diagnosed with an eye disease. Many eye diseases are hereditary, and knowing your family history will help determine if you are at higher risk.

4) Use protective eye wear when doing chores around the house, playing sports or if appropriate for your job.

5) Purchase and wear sunglasses that block out 99% to 100% of both UVA and UVB radiation. This will help keep your vision sharp and eyes healthy.

City of FDL

Marriage News

Phil Seibel (Fire) —April

Keith Wendt (Fire) —April



to your WRS retirement account — and that it receives the effective rate of interest? See Effective Rates Applied. You can make additional contributions anytime during your working years. Learn more about how making additional contributions enhances your retirement benefit.

4) See Section 5 and confirm your beneficiary designation is accurate. Remember: Life events like divorce, marriage, and birth of a child do not automatically change your beneficiary on file with ETF. Need to update your beneficiary designation? Download a new WRS Beneficiary Designation form (ET-2320) from our website, complete it and send to ETF.

5) Check your contact information. Is it current? To ensure that you continue to receive important, time-sensitive notifications about your WRS account, keep your mailing address, email and telephone

number up to date. You can change this information by completing an Address/ Name Change form (ET-2815) or contact ETF.

[Account Contact Information](#)

It is important that you keep your account contact information (name and mailing address) current. In 2018, ETF plans to distribute all statements by postal mail and begin offering 24/7 access to your Statement of Benefits via the secure myETF Member Online Services.

[For More Information](#)

Check out our new online resources, including interactive sample statements and answers to frequently asked questions.

Sign up for our webinar, [Understanding Your Annual WRS Statement of Benefits](#)—
http://etf.wi.gov/member_education.htm

Never yet was a
springtime, when
the buds forgot to
bloom.

Margaret Elizabeth Sangster

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

20 Years

Todd Janquart (Fire)

James Hoepfner (Fire)

10 Years

Vance Henning (Police)

Kim Bernthal (Transit)

Charles Pierquet
(Solid Waste)

Scott Priest (C & M)

5 Years

Jeff Atkinson (Parks)

Phil Schad (WTRRF)

Kyle Hoefer (Police)

Fire Dept Awards (cont)

strated great cooperative efforts in managing the remainder of the scene and providing excellent patient care. For their excellent management and patient care on this incident, FDL Fire/Rescue presented **Captain Jim Knowles**, **Engineers Bryan Johannes, Keith Wendt, Luke Blitzke, Dwight Fisher, Kevin Doll, Lieutenants John Hartzheim, Shawn Kneeland, Jerry Golla, Acting Lieutenant Brian Vahsholtz, Firefighter Paramedics Greg Stilp, Nick Fahrenkrug, Jake Fisher, Jake Vogds, Ben Kooiman, Joe Goldapske, and Laura Ketelhut** a Unit Citation.

Esprit de Corps Award: This award may be presented to any member of FDL Fire/Rescue who fosters and inspires enthusiasm, devotion, and a strong regard for the honor of the Department.

For being instrumental and inspiring the members of Fond du Lac Fire Rescue to move forward many of the past and present day programs that benefited the citizens of Fond du Lac, **Lieutenant Todd Shippee** was the recipient of the 2016 award for "Esprit de Corps".

Award of Merit: This award was presented to a member(s) based on the execution of assigned duties where said duties have been carried out in an outstanding, superior manner such as to merit recognition for service to the community.

During Fire Prevention Week Captain Knowles' crew went above and beyond assisting with live fire safety demonstrations focused on home cooking fires. Under the direction of Captain Knowles, station one first shift personnel built our simulation fire burn cell and prepared it for the presentations with the media. For their outstanding effort and selflessness to prepare and provide the support needed to present fire safety information, FDL Fire/Rescue presented **Captain James Knowles, Lieutenant Jon Hartzheim, Engineers Bryan Johannes, Keith Wendt, Mike Spencer, Firefighter Paramedics Nick Fahrenkrug, Ben Kooiman, Nate Philippsky, and Greg Stilp**.

Award of Merit:

On November 18, 2016, FDLFR Division Chief Troy Haase's hunting trip with his son started out like any other trip until they came across a serious motor vehicle crash at Wisconsin State Highway 23 and Esterbrook Rd. Division Chief Haase provided direction to other citizens calming those anxious to remove the injured from vehicles. After contacting 911 via phone Haase stayed with the most critically injured high school senior until the paramedics arrived. For rendering aid to a FDL citizen in need, FDL Fire/Rescue presented **Division Chief Troy Haase** an Award of Merit.